Government's policy with regard to foreign investment is selective and based on national priorities. Foreign investment is permitted in sophisticatd and high priority areas, in export oriented or import substitution manufacturing or for enabling indigenous industries to update existing technology to attain efficiency and competitive strength. Foreign investment is regarded as a vehicle for transfer of technology.

India's foreign collaboration policy has a substantial degree of flexibility and it is the intention of Government to permit more direct investment within this broad framework.

There is however an illustrative list of industries where no foreign collaboration, financial or technical is normally considered necessary. Requests for collaboration in these industries are generally not allowed unless these are justified with reference to the technology involved, availability of indigenous technology, potential for export earnings and the like.

Optimising power generation in various Thermal Power Stations

332. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a massive renovation and modernisation programme has been launched all over the country with a view to optimising generation of power, from various existing thermal power stations whose performance is below the national average; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the power stations selected for the purpose and what is the expenditure involved in each case?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) In 1984, the Central Government sanctioned a centrally sponsored programme of Renovation and Modernisation for maximising power generation from existing thermal stations. The programme covers 34 thermal power stations—comprising of 162 thermal generating units— aggregating to a total capacity of 13475 MW.

(b) The names of power stations together with the expenditure involved is given in the statement annexed. [*See* Appendix cliv, Annexure No. 21].

Notices issued to formulators and importers

333. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1563 given in the Rajya Sabha an 26th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the details of yearwise notices issued to formulators and importers between 1982 to 1986;

(b) what are the details of notices issued upto August, 1987;

(c) when were the details asked for the first time; and

(d) what are the names of companies which have not so far provided the details and what steps have been taken to obtain the information asked for?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) A number of notices have been issued for recovery into Drug Prices Equalisation Account for fixing the prices of imported bulk drugs meant for sale and for alleged overcharging of prices during the period in question.

(d) Some of the formulators/importers submitted the details which have been used for the purpose